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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:)

HILL, Jr., et al.)

Art Unit: 1731

Application Number: 09/711,126)

Filed: November 13, 2000)

Examiner: Alvo, Marc S.)

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

June 19, 2002

Sir:

This Request for Reconsideration is in response to the Office Action dated December 19, 2001, for which the Examiner has set a three-month period for response. A Petition for a three-month extension of time and the requisite fee are submitted herewith, thus making the response due on or before June 19, 2002.

REMARKS

Reconsideration and continued examination of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the Examiner sets forth a three way restriction requirement. The applicants elected with traverse the subject matter of Group I directed to a method of treating pulp